

## **News Release**

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## Hawaii State Judiciary hosts presentation on newly established Environment Court

LĪHU'E – The Hawaii State Judiciary invites the public to attend a presentation to learn more about Hawai'i's newly established Environmental Court. The presentation will be held on Saturday, Nov. 21, from 12 to 1 p.m. at the Lihue Civic Center's Pi`ikoi Conference Room 2A-2B.

Associate Justice Michael D. Wilson of the Hawaii Supreme Court will discuss the origin and purpose of the Environmental Court as well review the operation of the Court since its establishment on July 1, 2015.

Environmental Courts are a division of the circuit and district courts of Hawai'i. The purpose of the new Environmental Courts are to enhance natural resource protection and promote consistent application of environmental law in Hawai'i.

The environmental laws under the exclusive and original jurisdiction of the Environmental Court include, but are not limited to, Historic Preservation and Native Hawaiian Burials, Environmental Impact Statements, the State Water Code, and virtually all laws and regulations administered by the Department of Land and Natural Resources, including fishing and hunting.

For more information on this presentation or Environmental Court, please visit the Hawaii State Judiciary website at <a href="https://www.courts.state.hi.us">www.courts.state.hi.us</a>.

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